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NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

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CONSIGNERS of cargo hereby informed

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents. Hongkong, 1st January, 1900.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 26th February, 1900, at 9 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to 25th February, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. L. ROSE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1900.

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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-

HOLDERS of the Hongkong Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of March, 1900, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899, and the Report of the General Managers and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th February to the 1st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1900.

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THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Company, held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1900, the following Resolution was passed:

That a CALL be made on the Holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company in respect of all the Shares held by them in the above Company to be paid into the Company or into their Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Principal Office, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 3rd day of March, 1900.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Article 28 of the Company's Articles of Association, Interest will be charged as from the said 3rd day of March, 1900, at the rate of \$10 per centum per annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the said 3rd day of March, 1900, up to the actual date of payment of the same.

Shareholders are particularly requested to note that upon presentation of the Office of the Company or the Bankers' receipt for payment of the Call together with the Certificate of the Share in respect of which the Call has been paid, an endorsement to that effect will be made upon the certificate.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. H. GASKELL,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1900.

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NOW READY

MAIL TABLES.

THE Card published at the Daily Press Office

British Mails, homeward and outward

French " " "

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Calendar for 1900.

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ON SATURDAY,

the 10th February, at 3.30 P.M., at their

Sales Rooms, 1st Floor, Queen's Street.

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OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Antiquarians.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1900.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE (Call for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 174th, 175th, 176th, 177th, 178th, 179th, 180th, 181st, 182nd, 183rd, 184th, 185th, 186th, 187th, 188th, 189th, 190th, 191st, 192nd, 193rd, 194th, 195th, 196th, 197th, 198th, 199th, 200th, 201st, 202nd, 203rd, 204th, 205th, 206th, 207th, 208th, 209th, 210th, 211st, 212nd, 213rd, 214th, 215th, 216th, 217th, 218th, 219th, 220th, 221st, 222nd, 223rd, 224th, 225th, 226th, 227th, 228th, 229th, 230th, 231st, 232nd, 233rd, 234th, 235th, 236th, 237th, 238th, 239th, 240th, 241st, 242nd, 243rd, 244th, 245th, 246th, 247th, 248th, 249th, 250th, 251st, 252nd, 253rd, 254th, 255th, 256th, 257th, 258th, 259th, 260th, 261st, 262nd, 263rd, 264th, 265th, 266th, 267th, 268th, 269th, 270th, 271st, 272nd, 273rd, 274th, 275th, 276th, 277th, 278th, 279th, 280th, 281st, 282nd, 283rd, 284th, 285th, 286th, 287th, 288th, 289th, 290th, 291st, 292nd, 293rd, 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th, 298th, 299th, 300th, 301st, 302nd, 303rd, 304th, 305th, 306th, 307th, 308th, 309th, 310th, 311st, 312nd, 313rd, 314th, 315th, 316th, 317th, 318th, 319th, 320th, 321st, 322nd, 323rd, 324th, 325th, 326th, 327th, 328th, 329th, 330th, 331st, 332nd, 333rd, 334th, 335th, 336th, 337th, 338th, 339th, 340th, 341st, 342nd, 343rd, 344th, 345th, 346th, 347th, 348th, 349th, 350th, 351st, 352nd, 353rd, 354th, 355th, 356th, 357th, 358th, 359th, 360th, 361st, 362nd, 363rd, 364th, 365th, 366th, 367th, 368th, 369th, 370th, 371st, 372nd, 373rd, 374th, 375th, 376th, 377th, 378th, 379th, 380th, 381st, 382nd, 383rd, 384th, 385th, 386th, 387th, 388th, 389th, 390th, 391st, 392nd, 393rd, 394th, 395th, 396th, 397th, 398th, 399th, 400th, 401st, 402nd, 403rd, 404th, 405th, 406th, 407th, 408th, 409th, 410th, 411st, 412nd, 413rd, 414th, 415th, 416th, 417th, 418th, 419th, 420th, 421st, 422nd, 423rd, 424th, 425th, 426th, 427th, 428th, 429th, 430th, 431st, 432nd, 433rd, 434th, 435th, 436th, 437th, 438th, 439th, 440th, 441st, 442nd, 443rd, 444th, 445th, 446th, 447th, 448th, 449th, 450th, 451st, 452nd, 453rd, 454th, 455th, 456th, 457th, 458th, 459th, 460th, 461st, 462nd, 463rd, 464th, 465th, 466th, 467th, 468th, 469th, 470th, 471st, 472nd, 473rd, 474th, 475th, 476th, 477th, 478th, 479th, 480th, 481st, 482nd, 483rd, 484th, 485th, 486th, 487th, 488th, 489th, 490th, 491st, 492nd, 493rd, 494th, 495th, 496th, 497th, 498th, 499th, 500th, 501st, 502nd, 503rd, 504th, 505th, 506th, 507th, 508th, 509th, 510th, 511st, 512nd, 513rd, 514th, 515th, 516th, 517th, 518th, 519th, 520th, 521st, 522nd, 523rd, 524th, 525th, 526th, 527th, 528th, 529th, 530th, 531st, 532nd, 533rd, 534th, 535th, 536th, 537th, 538th, 539th, 540th, 541st, 542nd, 543rd, 544th, 545th, 546th, 547th, 548th, 549th, 550th, 551st, 552nd, 553rd, 554th, 555th, 556th, 557th, 558th, 559th, 560th, 561st, 562nd, 563rd, 564th, 565th, 566th, 567th, 568th, 569th, 570th, 571st, 572nd, 573rd, 574th, 575th, 576th, 577th, 578th, 579th, 580th, 581st, 582nd, 583rd, 584th, 585th, 586th, 587th, 588th, 589th, 590th, 591st, 592nd, 593rd, 594th, 595th, 596th, 597th, 598th, 599th, 600th, 601st, 602nd, 603rd, 604th, 605th, 606th, 607th, 608th, 609th, 610th, 611st, 612nd, 613rd, 61

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BIRTH.—  
At Lien-hien, on 29th December, 1899, the wife  
of Dr. MALCOLM, of a daughter (CLARE DATISON).

The Daily Press.  
HONGKONG, January 31st, 1900.

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The murder of the Rev. S. M. BROOKER in  
Tsin-ku has drawn attention to the present state  
of Shantung province. Twenty years ago  
Shantung was one of the best administered  
provinces in China; now it may rank with  
the worst. The fault is personal, and is not  
to be laid at the doors of the people who  
have not changed during the short period  
under review. A traveller in 1887 describes  
the difference between the peoples found  
when crossing the frontier in the Ichow  
prefecture. In Kiangsu he had been met by  
rudeness and obstruction, on his entering  
Shantung, at the very first village he was  
received with courtesy and even kindness,  
and he found the same feelings expressed  
through the whole province. At Tsin-ku,  
indeed, a place of pilgrimage from times  
anterior to history, there was an element of  
rowdiness, and the sturdy beggars who in-  
fested the place showed symptoms of hostility.  
It was the old story of Deceivers the Sil-  
versmith and the shrines of Diana; but the  
authorities of the city very soon put an end  
to any symptoms of disturbance. The pre-  
fecture of Tsin-ku, in the extreme south-  
west of the province and part of Yen-chow  
adjoining, have always traditionally borne  
an evil reputation, and stories of their raiding  
the more peaceful parts of the province  
were, but under the strong hand of the  
then Puto, CHANG-YEO, a Chinaman of fine  
physique, who had served with distinction  
in Turkestan, peace and good order pre-  
vailed everywhere. The soldiers, well  
drilled and well trained, were a real source  
of protection to the people, and apart from  
the drain on its resources arising from the  
unsettled condition of the Hwangho, the prov-  
ince was prosperous and contented. CHANG-  
YEO died poor; and in those two words lay  
the secret. He had turned the revenues of  
his government to their legitimate ends, and  
so had incurred the hostility of Peking. With  
the death of CHANG-YEO, and the appointment  
of the incapable FUJUN, another face of things  
was seen, and everything in Shantung began  
to relapse. The memory of CHANG-YEO was  
scouted, his engagements repudiated, and his trained troops dismissed. The hold of  
the Government on the people was relaxed,  
and outrages on foreigners, slight at first  
gradually increased in number. It was not  
however till in 1894, Li Ping-shan, type of  
everything bad and objectionable in Chinese  
officialdom, was appointed to the post of  
Tsin-ku, that affairs came to a climax. A  
conservative of the worst type, excisions of  
every sort became the rule; hostility to foreign  
residents was encouraged, the better disposed  
officials were replaced by cravatists of his own,  
the money raised for Yellow River embank-  
ments was squandered amongst the office  
holders, and disorders of every sort were  
permitted to increase unchecked. The con-

servation works commenced by CHANG-YEO  
were neglected everywhere, and, as conse-  
quence, the Yellow river burst its banks  
and floods and consequent famine were the  
result. Secret societies, the natural out-  
come of misgovernment, arose on all sides,  
and unable or careless to repress them,  
their members were given to understand that  
if they turned their energies against the  
Christians and the foreigners, no notice  
would be taken. Germany was looking  
out for an opening in Shantung and these  
disorders gave her the opportunity. The  
murder of two priests in Yen-chow-fu op-  
portuned followed, and the Germans sent  
the fleet, which they had been preparing  
to Kiao-chow and took possession. They  
did more, for they justified on the dismissal  
of the Puto, whose complicity, was too  
open to be concealed. Peking seemingly  
complied, but if Li Ping-shan had been bad  
his successor, YUN-KUEN, a Manchu, had  
by his anti-foreign views ingratiated himself  
with the Empress Dowager, was even worse.  
Ignorant and fanatic, he had not sufficient  
understanding to see that the only result  
of his predecessor's anti-foreign crusade had  
been to give the Germans the opening  
they sought. Isolated foreigners had  
hitherto been generally left alone, but  
under the encouraging reign of the new  
Puto; who almost openly promised impunity  
where only foreigners and Christians were  
concerned, the elements of misrule were let  
loose. Such is the present condition  
of what but a few years ago was one  
of the best, conducted provinces of  
China. The people are not changed, but  
they are terrorised, and events which ten  
years ago were but a memory now occur  
daily. This is the position, nor is it com-  
piled to any one portion of the province, but  
reaches from Tsin-ku in the north-west to  
Ichow in the south-east. The attack on  
Mr. Brooks, which resulted in his murder  
near Hsing-Yung-hien, is only a part  
with what has been going on in Ichow and  
Liaotung. This is no case of *shengku*, dis-  
turbed nor buildings rented contrary to the  
wishes of the neighbours, but direct and  
unprovoked attack made on the open  
road and in the light of day, and is the  
signal of a series of barbarous attacks and  
robberies made against inoffensive peo-  
ples, whose sole crime is the profession of  
Christianity. The trouble in this case lies  
in the utter weakness of the real offending  
individual. One hesitates to administer  
punishment to a decrepit old man with  
one foot in the grave, and would rather  
have recourse to prevention. Yet how to  
put a straight wicket on these recalcitrant  
officials without raising worse difficulties  
is the problem of the hour. The real trouble  
is of course the usurpation of power by the  
Emperor Dowager, one of the wickedest  
women in history. Most other usurpers of  
whom we learn had indeed the saving trait  
of being good administrators, and made  
up for their personal crimes by the energy  
of the present controller, has taken care to sur-  
round himself with minions like KANG-YI,  
YEE-SUIN-KUEN and others, whose only  
pretence to ability is craftiness, and whose  
personal crimes may well compare with  
those of his master. It is a serious under-  
taking to dislodge the ruler of four  
hundred and odd millions and erect a  
brand new administration; yet unless this  
be done, and done quickly, China must con-  
tinue to fall with accelerated speed, till the  
feeling bonds which eventually appeal to the  
country together snap with the increasing  
velocity, and the empire lies a helpless  
mass, a prey to every petty despot.

A General Society has been started at Tsin-ku.

A special train recently did the journey from  
Newchow to Port Arthur in eight hours.

H. M. S. *Vigorous* arrived from Weihai-wei  
yesterday morning. Everything is very quiet  
there.

The plague for the present has disappeared  
from Newchow. Precautions are being taken  
against its possible reappearance in Spring.

Newchow has commenced a subscription list  
in aid of the War Relief Fund. It has  
been generously taken up by the British com-  
munity.

The Acting Police Magistrate has postponed  
giving his decision in the case arising out of  
the recent fire at the Chao-Tik Godown (twice  
fully storing explosive) till Tuesday next.

The call which it has been rumoured for  
some time would be made on Pu-jem shan  
now is officially advertised as payable on  
2nd March. As interest at ten per cent. will  
be charged on over-dues calls abbreviations  
will be added \$100 the ruffians despatched.

A Chinaman, who had been temporarily em-  
ployed as a *tsukin*, could die suddenly in  
Tsien's Royal Central on Monday night. His  
master—a Chinaman—had slighted to make a  
purchase, while the coolie sat down in the rick-  
sha and almost immediately afterwards fell  
over and died.

It has been reported to the police that on  
Sunday morning a man was walking along  
the high road to Sze-kiang. On the way he  
was attacked by two or three other men,  
one of whom carried a knife and shot him in  
juring him seriously. After robbing the man of  
\$100 the ruffians despatched.

The baseball game, to be played by teams  
from the American men of war in harbour, will  
be played to-morrow afternoon at 3.30 and will no  
doubt be witnessed by a large crowd of spectators  
from the War Relief Fund. The game will  
be under the patronage of His Excellency the  
Governor, His Excellency Sir Edward Seymour  
and His Excellency Major-General Gascoyne.

The harbour presents an imposing and was  
the appearance with the large number of  
ships here at present. There are British  
the Victorious, Centurion and Bay, battleships;  
Undivided, Orlando, Iphigenia and Irak, cruisers;  
Admiral, Phoenix, *Leviathan*, *Monarch*, *Wheeler*, *Whiting*, *Hart* and *Handy*, destroyers;  
and several gunboats and torpedo  
boats in reserve. The foreign men-of-war here  
are American, *Baltimore*, *Wheeling*, *Monoque*, *French*, *Pocahontas*, *Austrian Zeuthen*, *Danish*, *French*. There crews combined amount to  
several thousands officers.

Two alarms of fire were given yesterday  
evening. One was received from Messrs. D.  
F. and Son Company to the effect that their  
office house and offices in Ico-House Street had  
been ignited. Very little damage was, however,  
done. A fire, which broke out at No. 16  
Cochin Street, was of much more serious  
character. The ground floor is occupied as a  
provision shop; the first floor is mostly a  
second floor is occupied as dwelling-rooms; and  
the third floor is used as a Club. The  
fire brigade, in command of Captain Sargent,  
first arrived and, after a hasty  
and ineffectual attempt of extinguishing the  
fire, the chief officer, Mr. Sargent, and his  
men, who had been sent to the scene of the  
disaster, the first second and third floors were  
completely gutted and considerable damage,  
which is not covered by insurance, was done.

The fire was extinguished about 11 p.m.

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parties concerned neither complained of the treatment they had received nor desired anything additional in the shape of monetary compensation. Their one wish was to be allowed to rebuild their huts on the outside of the land recently reclaimed. In the opinion of your Committee it is wholly undesirable that such permission be given.

As the condition of the Hospital finances during the year justified it we authorized two special items which we trust will meet with your approval, viz.—Walks and grading, \$100, and Medical Library, \$200.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Brockelmann, Mr. Farson kindly accepted the invitation of the Committee to sit in his place.

Your Committee recently inspected the Hospital premises and were glad to note the good condition of most of the buildings, also the cleanliness of the premises in general. We would urge that as soon as the Hospital funds justify it improvements be made by rebuilding and enlarging the main sewer through the Hospital to the river front and, if possible, securing additional space on the west side of the premises on which to place kitchens, and out-houses, thus leaving a clear space of fifteen or twenty feet to the East of the main buildings.

We recommend the following estimates for the ensuing year:-

Hospital current expenses, ... ... \$2,800

Foreign supplies, ... ... \$30

Printing and stationery, ... ... \$400

Repairs and improvements, ... ... \$400

Special repairs and renovation of wards, kitchens, &c. ... ... \$800

Walks and grading, ... ... \$100

Medical Library, ... ... \$100

6,900

On behalf of the Managing Committee  
E. Wxon, Chairman.

On motion this report was accepted and approved and the estimates for the ensuing year authorized.

The following motions were carried: That Dr. J. G. Kerr's resignation be accepted; also that a committee of the Society be formed to write a suitable testimonial expressive of Dr. Kerr's long service in the past, and of the Society's regret that he feels it incumbent upon him to retire from the chair; also that this be inserted in the minutes of this meeting.

That the Rev. Messrs. Wiener, Greene, and Stevens compose a committee to draw up this testimonial.

That a vote of thanks be extended to the U.S. Consul for his interest in securing subscriptions from the Chinese officials; to Messrs. Smith and Doherty for a careful audit of the accounts, and to the Imperial Maritime Customs for donations of salt.

That the Board of officers for the ensuing year be constituted as follows:

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The testimonial referring to Dr. Kerr is as follows:

"We, the members of the Medical Missionary Society in China, in accepting the resignation of Dr. J. G. Kerr as President, desire to put on record our high appreciation of his services in this position, which he has held continuously for ten years.

We wish also to express our gratitude to God that Dr. Kerr has been permitted so long a period to work in connection with this Society for the relief of suffering in China and for the promotion of true philanthropy.

We wish to assure Dr. Kerr that we all have the highest personal regard for his excellent qualities as a man and his unsurpassed abilities as a physician and surgeon.

We pray God's blessing upon him and upon such work as he may undertake for the glory of God and for the benefit of humanity."

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

HUBBARD T. SMITH, Chairman.

CHAS. C. SELDEN, M.D., Secretary.

#### SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Sungkien* from Manila 27th Jan., had light monsoon increasing to strong breeze and high sea.

The British steamer *Braemar*, from Singapore 23rd Jan., had moderate to fresh N.E. wind and fine with moderate head sea.

The British steamer *Haiching*, from Foochow 26th Jan., Amoy 28th, and Swatow 29th, had light E. and E.N.E. wind, smooth sea and overcast weather. Steamers in Swatow—*Singnan*, *Phu Chom Kiao*, *Siehan*, and *Wingang*.

The British steamer *Fornosa*, from Tamsui 27th Jan. and Amoy 29th, had fresh N.E. gale with high sea and dull cloudy weather to Amoy. From Amoy to Breaker Point had fresh N.E. breeze with drizzling rain; thence to port moderate breeze and fine weather.

#### EXPORT CARGO.

Per steamer *Caledonia*, sailed on the 29th January. For Marseilles:—811 bales raw silk, 49 cases silks, 30 cases curios, 5 cases Chinaware, 6 cases tea, 13 packages hair, 12 cases feathers, 290 cases cassia, 122 rolls matting. For Lyons:—121 bales raw silk. For London:—3 cases silks and 10 cases bristles.

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## THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

TELEGRAMS VIA AUSTRALIA.

## GENERAL BULLER'S FORCE.

London, 30th December.  
Since his reverse at the Tugela River on the 13th December General Sir Redvers Buller has received reinforcements to the number of 8,000 men, and his artillery has been strengthened by the addition of eighteen guns.

## ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENTS.

London, 30th December.  
The 19th and 28th batteries of Royal Field Artillery have arrived at Cape Town from England, and at once started for Durban, the port of Natal.

## CLERICAL OPINIONS.

London, 31st December.

A special supplication service in connection with the war in South Africa was held in St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday. Dr. Mandell Creighton, Bishop of London, preached on the occasion, and in the course of his sermon he said that "It was not good for us to suppose that we could always succeed in our own terms and in our own way."

With regard to the recent outcry in England for the setting apart of a special day of humiliation and prayer in connection with the British reverse in South Africa, the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, the distinguished Wesleyan preacher, and ex-president of the Wesleyan Conference, states that, instead of a day of humiliation, he is in favour of a day of thanksgiving for the readiness that Britons have shown to surrender even life itself in order to insure freedom and justice for their kinsmen in South Africa.

The Rev. Mr. Greenough, ex-chairman of the Baptist Union, has made an emphatic protest against the action of the "peace at any price" party, among whom he specially mentions Mr. W. T. Stoddard and Mr. Silas Hocking.

## THE QUEEN'S FELICITATIONS.

London, 29th December.

Her Majesty the Queen sent a message of felicitation at Christmas time to the soldiers in South Africa, and the message is said to have delighted the troops.

## ANOTHER EMINENT SURGEON FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

London, 29th December.

It is announced that Sir William Stokes, the eminent surgeon (who is Surgeon in Ordinary to her Majesty the Queen in Ireland) will proceed to South Africa as consulting surgeon to the British army.

## MILITARY MOVEMENTS GREATLY HAMPERED.

London, 1st January.

The great delay that has taken place in furnishing the necessary transport equipment for the British army in South Africa is seriously hampering the mobility both of General Buller's force in Natal and General Methuen's force on the Modder River. It is stated that a sufficient number of wagons and mules to furnish the first Army Corps with two days' supplies from its base will only be ready by the middle of January; while the necessary transport equipment for the second fighting line, sufficient to furnish an army corps with supplies for three days, has not been provided for at all, unless it can be obtained locally.

It is feared that there will be great difficulty in providing transport equipment for the later army divisions that are being sent to South Africa and for Volunteer forces.

The British Government have declined to purchase wagons for transport service in the United States, as it is feared that international objections might be raised. The necessary wagons will, therefore, have to be made in Great Britain, but the leading newspapers urge that in order to expedite matters contracts for the construction of wagons should be let in the various British colonies.

## GIFTS FOR THE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

London, 1st January.

A generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has made a gift of a complete field hospital to the London Volunteers who are about to proceed to South Africa.

Colonel Allen, of the 4th battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment, and Colonel Watts, of the 1st battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, have each presented a splendid battery of artillery to the Volunteers.

## PRESIDENT STEYN AND HIS BROTHER.

London, 1st January.

News has been received that Mr. Matt Steyn, brother of President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, together with 800 burghers, has quitted the Free State command with which he was engaged. It is stated that he told the President that he (President Steyn) was authorised to intervene in the dispute between the Transvaal and Great Britain exclusively in the interests of peace and not to engage in war.

Mr. Matt Steyn has repudiated his brother's action in taking part in the war against Great Britain, and has urged the danger of the confiscation of the property of the Free State burghers in the event of the British being victorious.

## TRANSVAAL TAXATION.

London, 31st December.

In order to contribute towards the expenses of the war against Great Britain, the Transvaal Government have imposed a tax of 30 per cent. on the output of private gold mines and also on what would have been the probable output of those mines which have suspended working.

## AN OFFER DECLINED.

London, 31st December.

Sir James Sivewright, formerly Commissioner of Crown Lands and Public Works in Cape Colony, made an offer to President Kruger to equip an ambulance corps for the Boer forces. Mr. Kruger, however, without expressing any thanks for the offer, declined to accept it, explaining that he did not accept gifts from an enemy.

## BRITISH SIEGE TRAIN SENT TO THE FRONT.

London, 1st January.

The last portion of the siege train of heavy artillery, which was prepared at Woolwich and shipped from England early last month by the steamer Tantallon Castle for South Africa, has now left Capetown for the front.

## A GALLANT STAND.

London, 2nd January.

Additional details of the reconnaissance of General Gatacre's cavalry to the north of Dordrecht show that during the affair forty men of the force known as Montmorency's Scouts were intercepted by the enemy and took refuge in a donga. Here they made a most determined stand, and successfully resisted the repeated attacks made upon them by a body of 800 Boers. They held their position until the morning, when a British force of 115 mounted men, with four guns, appeared on the scene, and the Boers retreated.

The scouts had only two men wounded, but all their horses were shot. The Boers engaged in the attack had eight men killed and thirty wounded.

## EUROPEAN OFFICERS FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

London, 1st January.

It is reported that numbers of European officers continue to arrive at Delagoa Bay each week for service with the Boer forces, proceeding to Pretoria.

## PORTUGUESE CORRUPTION.

London, 1st January.

Now is to hand that six large Armstrong guns and sixteen ammunition carts were lately received at Pretoria, via Delagoa Bay, having been admitted by the Portuguese authorities as agricultural implements. In connection with this matter complaints are being made that corruption exists among the officials in Portugal.

## QUEENSLAND AND CANADIAN TROOPS ENGAGED.

London, 2nd January.

Information is to hand that a sharp skirmish with the Boers, in which the Queensland Mountaineer Infantry and the Victorian Rifles (?) were hotly engaged, took place yesterday at Sunnyside, a place twenty miles north-west of Belmont.

London, 3rd January.

Further particulars have now been received of the engagement at Sunnyside, in which the Queensland and Canadian contingents fought with great gallantry and success. It appears that the enemy occupied a position on a number of kopjes ranging from north to south. Leaving the natives in the camp under a guard to prevent them divulging any information to the Boers, Lieutenant-Colonel Pilcher, with 200 men of the Queensland Mounted Infantry, under Major P. R. Ricardo, and 100 Canadian troops, with two guns, a horse battery, and forty mounted men, together with an ambulance corps, under Captain J. E. Dods, of the Queensland contingent, marched to within four miles of the kopjes occupied by the enemy. The Canadian guns were ordered to attack a Boer laager situated at the foot of the northern spur of the range, while Lieutenant-Colonel Pilcher, with the Queensland troops, worked splendidly round to the left, taking advantage of every bit of cover. The Boers were apparently

taken by surprise, and the first intimation they received of the presence of the British Colonial forces was from two shells fired by the Canadians from a range of 1,500 yards, which were so well directed that they landed among the tents of the Boer laager. The Boers hurriedly ascended to the higher ground, and lined the kopjes, from which they poured hot volleys of rifle fire. Their fire, however, soon subsided, as the Canadian guns, now firing from a range of 1,000 yards, shelled the enemy's position with wonderful accuracy.

Major Ricardo, with Captain Chauvel's company of the Queens and troops, then delivered a frontal attack on the Boer laager, completely demoralising and routing the enemy.

Besides the loss of the Boers in killed and wounded, forty prisoners were captured by the colonial troops.

Lieutenant-Adie, of the Queensland contingent, while out patrolling previous to the attack, was severely wounded.

## THE IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

London, 3rd January.

A sum of £40,000 has been subscribed at Newcastle-on-Tyne and in the county of Durham towards the equipment of the Imperial Yeomanry force for South Africa.

Sir Christopher Furness, M.P., the well-known shipowner of Hartlepool, the Earl of Durham and Earl Grey (latey Administrator of the British South Africa Company's territories) have offered to provide steamers for the transport of the Imperial Yeomanry to South Africa, and also for the artillery which is being provided by Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co. ordnance works at Elswick.

## HORSES FROM INDIA.

London, 2nd January.

Nearly every one of the rulers of the Native States in India have now made offers to the Imperial Government to furnish horses for the use of the army in South Africa.

## SEIZURE OF ANOTHER GERMAN STEAMER.

London, 3rd January.

News has been received that the German steamer Hans Wagner, from Hamburg, has been seized by a British cruiser at Delagoa Bay, on the ground that she was carrying contraband of war.

## EUROPEAN ADVENTURERS AT DELAGOA BAY.

London, 2nd January.

It is reported that number of European military adventurers are entering Delagoa Bay under the guise of being connected with the Red Cross Society.

## BOER SPIES VOLUNTEERING IN ENGLAND.

London, 3rd January.

It is reported that twenty-five English-speaking foreigners, who are supposed to have been spies in the pay of Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal agent in Europe, endeavoured to obtain enrolment in the Yeomanry force which Lord Chesham is organising in England for service in South Africa. They were, however, unable to prove that they were naturalised British subjects, and were at once turned away.

## ENTHUSIASM IN CANADA.

London, 3rd January.

The news of the successful engagement between the Canadian and Queensland troops and the Boers at Sunnyside has been received in Canada with unbound enthusiasm.

Major Borden, a son of the Hon. F. W. Borden, Canadian Minister of Militia and Defence, has resigned his commission in the Hussars in order to serve as a lieutenant in the Canadian Mounted Infantry, and many other officers have offered to serve in the ranks.

## ARMSTRONG GUNS FOR THE NEW ZEALAND CONTINGENT.

London, 3rd January.

The field battery presented by the Elswick Works to the New Zealand contingent will be despatched to South Africa in about three weeks.

## MILITARY SPORTS AT MODDER RIVER.

London, 3rd January.

The British troops in the Modder River encampment held a gymkhana meeting yesterday in honour of New Year's Day, notwithstanding that the camp was being bombarded by the Boers.

## THE BRITISH FIELD ARTILLERY.

London, 3rd January.

With regard to the complaints that have been made of the insufficiency of the British artillery in South Africa as compared with the superior guns of the enemy, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, Commander-in-Chief, declares that the British field guns are equal to those of any Power in Europe, but the Boers are using "large guns of position," and not field artillery.

## SUNNYSIDE ENGAGEMENT.

London, 4th January.

Further details of the engagement at Sunnyside state that the compatriots of the Boer laager, which was the principal point of the attack by the Queensland and Canadian troops, were mostly colonial Dutch, who had joined the Boers.

During the advance towards the enemy's position, four of the Queenslanders, who were patrolling under Lieutenant Adie, were suddenly confronted by fourteen Boers, who at once opened fire and wounded Lieutenant Adie at the first volley. Private W. M. Butler then gave Lieutenant Adie his horse. Private A. Rose, whose horse had been startled by the enemy's fire and bolted, returned immediately to give assistance and received a bullet wound in the calf of his leg.

When the general advance was made by Colonel Pilcher, the officer in command of the detachment, the enemy's fire, though well sustained, was found to be quite ineffectual. By 2 o'clock the company of Queensland Mounted Infantry, under Captain P. W. G. Pincock, had worked completely round the enemy's left, and the Boer fire then ceased. The white flag was raised, and thirty-five of the enemy surrendered to Captain H. G. Chauvel. The bulk of the enemy, however, fled, and their position was taken.

The Queensland troops behaved magnificently throughout the engagement, the men chatting and laughing while under fire.

Lieutenant C. H. Anderson-Pelham, with the Queensland machine gun, did excellent work during the day.

## ENTRY INTO DOUGLAS.

London, 4th January.

On Tuesday the British-Colonial force made its entry into Douglas (a town some distance north-west of the scene of the engagement), Major P. R. Ricardo and his Queensland troops leading.

The inhabitants of Douglas were in a perfect frenzy of delight when the troops marched in, and insisted on shaking hands with the soldiers, their enthusiasm being greatly increased when they learned that their deliverers were Australians and Canadians, as well as Imperial troops.

There were no Victorian troops engaged in the affair, as was at first stated.

## THE BOER CASUALTIES.

London, 4th January.

In the engagement at Sunnyside six Boers were killed and twelve wounded.

It is stated that various incriminating documents were found in the Boer laager after its capture by the colonial troops.

## MILITARY OPINIONS.

London, 4th January.

The military authorities express themselves as being delighted at the fact of colonial troops having struck the first blow against the enemy, since General Methuen's recent reverse at Magersfontein.

## GENERAL METHUEN'S OPERATIONS.

London, 4th January.

In connection with the engagement at Sunnyside, a body of cavalry sent out by General Methuen from his encampment at the Modder River operated to the northward of Colonel Pilcher's advance, and thus prevented the Boers receiving reinforcements. The cavalry are also endeavouring to intercept the fugitives, who have fled from Douglas.

## MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S CONGRATULATIONS.

London, 4th January.

The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has sent a message to the Governor-General of Canada, congratulating the Dominion on the gallant behaviour of the Canadian troops in the engagement at Sunnyside.

Mr. Chamberlain has sent a similar message to the Lieutenant-Governor of Queensland.

## SCORCH GILLIES FOR THE FRONT.

London, 3rd January.

It is announced that Lord Lorn is taking to Cape Colony 150 Highland gillies and deer-stalkers. These men will all be good shots, and will take their ponies with them.

## SEIZURE OF AMERICAN GOODS.

London, 3rd January.

Mr. Joseph Choute, American Ambassador in London, has been instructed by his Government to demand compensation in connection with the recent seizure by the British authorities of quantity of flour and other goods on board the American ships Beatrice, Maria, and Maria at Delagoa Bay.

## SENSATIONAL INCIDENT AT RENSBURG.

London, 3rd January.

It is reported that after the recent occupation of Rensburg by General French's force a train consisting of several trucks laden with food supplies but without any engine attached, was standing on the railway line, and a traitor in the camp succeeded in starting the trucks down an incline towards the Boer lines. When the affair was discovered it was impossible to check the train, and the British guns then opened fire and destroyed the trucks in order to prevent the supplies falling into the hands of the Boers.

## PUNISHMENT OF REBELS.

London, 4th January.

The special correspondent of the Times with General Methuen's force at the Modder River, referring to the engagement at Sunnyside, where the enemy consisted principally of colonial Dutch, expresses the opinion that the prisoners captured ought to be treated as rebels, and punished accordingly, and an example thus made which would probably influence other disloyal colonists.

## MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN CHINA.

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

The sixty-first annual meeting of this society was held in Chatton at the house of Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co., on the 20th of January, 1900.

There were present: H. T. Smith, Esq., U. S. Consul, in the chair